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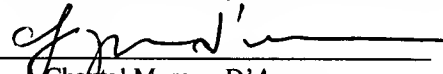
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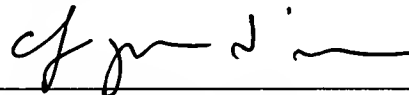
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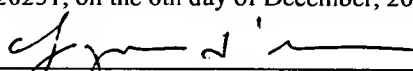
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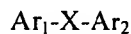
AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

20. An intermediate in the preparation of a compound comprising a compound having the general structural formula:



wherein Ar_2 is an aryl group or a heteroaryl group, wherein the heteroaryl is a ring having 5, 6, or 7 atoms, and wherein at least one atom of the heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of a sulfur, a nitrogen, and an oxygen atom, and which is substituted with R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 ;

wherein Ar_1 is an aryl group or a heteroaryl group, wherein the heteroaryl is a ring having 5, 6, or 7 atoms, and at least one atom of the heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of a sulfur, a nitrogen, and an oxygen atom, and which is substituted with R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} ;

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} independent of one another, are selected from the group consisting of -H, halogen, piperonyl, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkenyl, (C_1-C_6) alkynyl, (C_1-C_6)